Sygma, a must see collection of the 80s-90s
With more than 3,000 people stories and 4,000 hours of rushes, the Sygma collection is one of the major sources at Gaumont Pathé Archives. Sygma TV started as the news provider of the newly born French channel Canal + then became the official TV press agency of the Cannes International Film Festival from 1983 to 1989. Along with the exclusive coverage of both the red carpet of the Palais and the press conferences, this collection offers numerous interviews with actors and directors. Internationally famous since an exclusive scoop shot during the Granada invasion by the U.S., the news and current affairs section of this colorful collection also numbers hundreds of stories illustrating our contemporary history (Lebanon, Afghanistan, the fall of the Berlin wall, ...).

1989 - Roman Polanski presenting “Pirates” at the Cannes Film Festival - collection Sygma

Forever glam!
As the major eyewitness of the past and present glamour over the last century, Gaumont Pathé Archives holds mileage of stories showing movie stars, scarlets, pin ups as well as top models or fashion designers. Wearing boots and corsets at the very beginning of the XXth century, fashion addicts have progressively but radically moved to deeper plunging necklines and higher stillettos. Gaumont and Pathé film libraries offers to review the old fashioned charm of the earlier styles, while the Sygma, NBC News Archives or JL Productions collections connected with our present time, illustrate the craziness of the Haute Couture’s shows and red carpets throughout the world.

1959 - Laetitia Casta at the Yves Saint Laurent fashion show - collection JL Productions

The Chinese revolution of 1911
The Wuchang uprising (October 1911) which led to the abdication of Emperor Pu Yi less than a year later, the prosect movements in Shanghai in 1927, the consequently civil war, the Japanese invasion of China, ... were widely covered by the Gaumont and Pathé directors and journalists. 90 years after the creation of the Chinese Communist Party, Gaumont Pathé Archives focuses on the unique collection of historical footage shot in mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Rare short documentaries on the traditional Middle Empire filmed from 1908 and hundreds of newsreels relating the dramatic events which occurred in China are listed along with several programmes about the sino-soviet relationship referenced in our Arkéon “Russian collection”.

1908 - Sun Yat-sen - The Father of the Revolution - collection Pathé

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